available to research scholars. Opportunity may also be availed by the microfilm unit of National Archives of India to microfilm the records of the Parthagali Math in Goa during its visit to Sringeri.

Standing Committee's Views:

There are a number of Kadatas and Nirupas available with the Sringeri Math, Sringeri, Karnataka which contain useful information about the political, social and economic history of the region covering the last 1250 years or more. These were inspected during 1972 by Professor G.S. Dikshit of Karnataka University, the then Director of Archives, National Archives of India and the Special Officer, State Archives, Karnataka. Earlier during 1970, the Rajyapal of Karnataka had also recommended to the Government of India for the microfilming of these records. In 1974 the mobile microfilm unit of the National Archives of India was sent to Sringeri Math for microfilming the records of the Math. The unit microfilmed all those records which were selected and listed by the State Archives. This job involved preparation of 13,665 exposures running into 20 rolls.

The National Archives of India may consider microfilming of the remaining records as and when such request is received from the State Archives.

5.2.9.2.8
Access to Records

Resolution by Shri J.K. Jain:

Resolved that a system of sliding scale to open records which have attained the age of thirty years may be accepted by the various archives of the country.

Explanatory Note: At present, the National Archives of India and most of the State Archives have accepted the thirty years rule to open their records for research purposes. This facility could be further liberalized if there are standing orders to open records which have attained the age of thirty years at the end of a particular calendar year, until and unless there are fresh restrictions imposed by the concerned creating agency. This system of automatic up-grading of the chronological limit for open period of record would go a long way to give a much desired relief to the scholars and avoid futile correspondence, and at the same time keep research in our country at par with others.

Standing Committee's Views:

The Archival Policy Resolution provided that all non-confidential public records more than 30 years old, transferred to the National Archives of India, would be opened to the bonafide research scholars subject to such exceptions and restrictions as may be found necessary by the Department concerned. As such records which have attained the age of thirty years at the end of a particular calendar year are thrown open to the scholars. So far five State Governments of Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra and Orissa, and the Union Territory of Delhi have adopted the Archival Policy Resolution. Adoption of Archival Policy Resolution in other States/Union Territories in similar way solve the problem.